

**No. R-296. House concurrent resolution congratulating Saxtons River Distillery on its 10th anniversary and on the San Francisco World Spirits Competition's awarding the distillery a 2015 gold medal for its Perc Coffee Liqueur.**

(H.C.R.223)

Offered by: Representatives Partridge of Windham, Trieber of Rockingham, Burke of Brattleboro, Stuart of Brattleboro, and Toleno of Brattleboro

Whereas, Christian Stromberg's ancestors fled Czarist-controlled Lithuania, bringing to the United States their national tradition of producing flavored liqueurs, and

Whereas, after arriving in Vermont, Christian Stromberg gained an appreciation for the State's maple sugar industry, and

Whereas, in 2006, Christian Stromberg established Saxtons River Distillery, combining his ancestral heritage of producing flavored liqueurs with the maple resources of Vermont, and

Whereas, Saxtons River Distillery's first product was an award-winning Sapling Maple Liqueur, and both maple bourbon and maple rye followed, and

Whereas, more recently, Christian Stromberg has focused his distillery on the allure of coffee-flavored liqueur, and

Whereas, to produce this new liqueur, he sought a great coffee bean and selected the discerning coffee makers of the Brattleboro-based Mocha Joe's Roasting Company as the source, and

Whereas, in 2015, Saxtons River Distillery's spirit specialists were so pleased with their new Perc Coffee Liqueur, they entered it in the prestigious San Francisco World Spirits Competition (SFWSC), and

Whereas, Saxtons River Distillery's Perc Coffee Liqueur's taste, texture, and overall palate satisfaction proved irresistible, and the competition's judges honored the Vermont entrant with a gold medal, and

Whereas, the SFWSC's awarding of a 2015 gold medal to Saxtons River Distillery was the first time in a decade the competition's judges deemed a coffee liqueur worthy of their highest accolade, and

Whereas, the receipt of the 2015 gold medal reaffirms Saxtons River Distillery's distinguished contribution to the flavored liqueur market as the distillery embarks on its second decade, now therefore be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives:

That the General Assembly congratulates Saxtons River Distillery on its 10th anniversary and on the San Francisco World Spirits Competition's awarding the distillery a 2015 gold medal for its Perc Coffee Liqueur, and be it further

Resolved: That the Secretary of State be directed to send a copy of this resolution to Christian Stromberg at the Saxtons River Distillery in Brattleboro.